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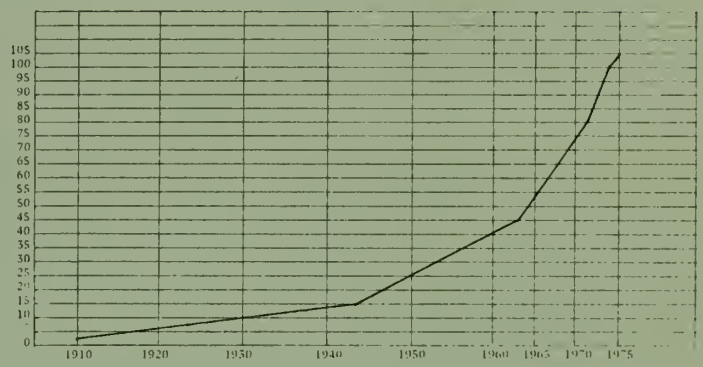
White County Recreation Commission Members: (L-R), Betty Black, Larry Johnson, Director, Talmadge Blalock, Benny Caudell, Chairman, James Turner, Ron Snuggs, and Neal Cobb.



Sixty-five years of growth to reach 100 full-time agencies. Graph indicates pattern by which city and county governments in Georgia established recreation and park systems.

WHITE COUNTY IS 100TH
GEORGIA REACHES MILESTONE

White County has become the 100th unit of local government in Georgia to establish a full-time recreation and park agency and thus establishes a milestone for the State in this regard. On January 1, 1975, the White County Commission, acting on the recommendations of a nine-member county recreation board, officially established the recreation agency. White County is located in Northeast Georgia and includes the cities of Cleveland and Helen. The county was successful in obtaining financial assistance from two funding programs, the Governor's Contingency Fund and the Department of Labor.

Larry Johnson, former Recreation and Park Director for the City of Monroe, has been appointed as the first Director and already has programs underway.

The establishment of this agency as number 100 provides Georgia a prestigious position among states in the Southeast.

The exact date of the establishment of the first local system in Georgia is not known, however, it is believed to have been around 1910. Approximately 15 agencies existed in 1945 with a growth trend developing after the end of World War II. By 1963, Georgia had reached the 50 agency mark.

Within the past twelve years, the state has been able to accomplish what had taken nearly sixty years previously.

The establishment of the Georgia Recreation Commission in 1963 and the ultimate development of the Recreation Planning Section within the Department of Natural Resources in 1972 attributed greatly to growth in recent years with local governments receiving advisory and technical assistance.

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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Since 1966 with the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act, federal funds have been made available to buy, restore and develop historic properties which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Although not a panacea the National Register offers protection to these historic sites by calling attention to their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology and culture and by providing an extensive review process for any federally funded or licensed project which may have an adverse effect on the site's integrity.

Perhaps it is best to deal with this issue here and refer to any questions about the National Register program in general to the Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources.

There are two types of funds available in this federal assistance program: those for purchasing historic properties and those for restoring historic properties. Since the purchase basically involves little explanation, the time will be spent here on discussing restoration projects and their details. Restoration may mean authentic restoration of the exterior and/or interior of an old building, refurbishing an old train or conducting an archaeological investigation. A property does not have to be a potential museum to be eligible, and in fact, quite the contrary. Money should be requested to restore only the exterior of a structure if, for example, the exterior of a structure adapted for modern use as a home, shop, or office. Federal funds are not to be used for modern renovations, but only for those restorations which maintain the historic fabric and integrity of the structure, or structures, in the case of a district, either interior or exterior.

Anyone owning a historic property listed on the National Register may request federal assistance on a 50-50 matching basis. The intent of this program, particularly concerning the restoration of historic structures, is to insure the maximum preservation of original fabric and is accomplished by authentic restoration based on historical research and documentation and especially on a detailed physical examination of the structure. The Historic Preservation Section will be happy to work with anyone on their preservation goals, although we do not offer the services of a restoration architect.

For archaeological sites not associated with structures, preservation rather than excavation is the most significant consideration. Excavation or extensive development of an archaeological site is not always necessary, especially for prehistoric resources. These archaeological sites are non-renewable resources which are destroyed by excavation. Preservation therefore becomes a means to store this data for use by future generations either when the information retrieved becomes more valuable by the passage of time or as more efficient techniques are developed. Funds are available through this assistance program for the acquisition of archaeological sites for preservation.

The Historic Preservation Section encourages the application for federal funds; however, as in all funding programs, there is never enough to go around. A complete grant packet is being prepared providing detailed explanations of this program and an application form. For further information concerning this program or procedures for having sites listed on the National Register contact: Historic Preservation Section, Room 703-C, 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

FINKLEA IS HONORED BY GEORGIA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Jack Finklea, Director, Americus-Sumter County Recreation Department, was honored with the Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame's "Service to Sports Award" at the Hall of Fame banquet, February 8, at the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta.

Finklea has been Recreation Director in Americus since 1952. Prior to that he coached 17 years of high school football, compiling a record of 116 victories and 24 losses.

VIRGINIA CARMICHAEL HONORED WITH PHOENIX AWARD

Virginia Carmichael, Deputy Director for Recreation for the Atlanta Bureau of Parks and Recreation, recently was named the winner of the coveted Phoenix Award, given annually by the Atlanta Men's Club. The Award recognizes work done by a City employee over and above the call of duty. Ms. Carmichael has been effective in recreation planning and work in the city and southeast for 43 years.

She is Atlanta's first and only director of recreation, and has been cited for her work by being named to various councils throughout the years: Governor's Conference on Aging, President's Committee on Physical Fitness, Governor's Conference on Children and Youth, Clairol Corporation Conference on Youth Leadership, and the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

A charter member of the International Recreation Association, and the American Recreation Foundation, she is the recipient of the highest professional award from the Southeastern Recreation Executive's Conference for meritorious achievement in public recreation, the highest professional award from the Georgia Recreation & Park Society, and an award of appreciation for services rendered to the community from the American Red Cross. She was selected Atlanta's Woman of the Year in Professions in 1964.

The Phoenix Award, first given in 1962-63, was presented Wednesday, December 11, at the Club's monthly meeting at the Stadium Club by Mayor Maynard Jackson.

SUPER CHIEF APPOINTED

Mayor Maynard Jackson appointed Mrs. Hope T. Moore as Atlanta's first Commissioner of Parks, Libraries, and Cultural Affairs on Tuesday, February 11. The post was created under Jackson's City Hall reorganization last March 4 and has been vacant since that date. Mrs. Moore has served as Chairman of Action, Inc., as Board Chairman of the Southeastern Fair Association, and with the Atlanta Symphony, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, the Chamber of Commerce, and other civic groups. Bureaus coming under her control include the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department, the Atlanta Public Library system, and the Civic Center.

HABERSHAM COUNTY SURVEYS NEEDS

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Loyce Harpe, Director, Habersham County Recreation Department, reflecting an interesting trend toward recreation by Habersham County's youth. Other Directors might like to try Loyce's approach on their youth.)

The Habersham County Recreation Department has recently completed an activity survey using the young people of the Habersham County school system.

We used a 30% sampling of the young people to determine what the youngsters wanted to do for recreation.

I have done several surveys for other departments and the results were far different from the results in Habersham County.

In years past, the young people were more team oriented, but now they are going more toward the life time sports. The activities which seemed to be in greatest demand were: archery, bicycling, fishing, boating, tennis, swimming, volleyball, table tennis, bowling and field day events.

The areas of dramatics, social recreation, arts and crafts, and music showed marked increases. I think the biggest impact was in nature and outdoor recreation, where all activities listed drew great response.

I have found the activity check list extremely helpful in programming for my community in the past, and I am sure this will hold ture in Habersham County.

GEORGIA COUNTIES ACQUIRE PARK LAND

Burke County

Burke County is deeding to its recreation authority approximately 16 acres of land at the county farm for a joint city-county park. Expected to be completed within two years, the complex will cost $120,000. The county is budgeting $30,000 per year for development of the park.

Columbia County

The Columbia County Commission has obtained an option on 6.5 acres of land at a cost of $3,000 per acre for development as a park. Lacking a bond issue for the purpose, Columbia County will budget one-tenth of the cost ($196,380 total) each year for ten years until the purchase is complete. In the interim, the county will have use of the entire tract.

McDuffie County

McDuffie County and the City of Thomason are jointly buying park land which totals 60 acres for approximately $26,000. The city and county will share costs, at least in the early stages of development, and expect to use revenue sharing money for part of the cost.

SUMMER AND WALKER APPOINTED TO DNR BOARD

Governor George Busbee recently appointed J. Wimbric Walker of McRae and Lloyd L. Summer, Jr., of Rome to the Board of Natural Resources. Walker will be serving his first term on the Board while Summer will be serving his second.

Walker, a native of Milan, Telfair County, Georgia, is President of Walker Pipe Company, Inc. and a farmer in McRae. He is married to the former Hilda White, also of Telfair County, and they have three children.

Summer, a native of Cherryville, North Carolina, is presently serving as President of the National City Bank of Rome, Georgia. He and his wife, the former Virginia Barron, also have three children.

THE ONLY EXERCISE SOME PEOPLE GET IS JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, RUNNING DOWN THEIR FRIENDS, SIDE-STEPPING RESPONSIBILITY, AND PUSHING THEIR LUCK.

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Another significant contribution to the growth has been the Recreation and Park Assistance Fund created within DNR by the Georgia General Assembly in 1974. Twelve new agencies were established through this fund in 1974 with the possibility of another dozen in 1975 if funds are forthcoming.

Prospects look good for Georgia to continue its growth pattern and the establishment of recreation delivery systems at the local level. Local governments are more and more realizing the important role which these services play in providing wholesome living environments for Georgia's citizens.

SCOUT TROOP FOR MENTALLY RETARDED

The Smyrna Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a Girl Scout troop for mentally retarded girls through its Therapeutic Recreation Program. The troop was established in conjunction with the Northwest Georgia Girl Scout Council, Inc. and involves some 20 girls aged 11-16 from Rose Garden School. The troop will be concerned with four goals: "deepening the Scout's awareness of self as a unique person of worth;" "contributing to her society through her talents in cooperative efforts with others;" "relating to others with increasing skill, maturity and satisfaction;" and "learning the basic skill of scouting." The troop meets weekly, and the Recreation Department provides the girls with Girl Scout tee shirts and pins. The program is being operated at no cost to the girls.

Richard A. "Wink" Tapply, Director, Office of Community Recreation Service, New Hampshire, keeps the recent NRPA Forum delegates spellbound with his characterization of "Potato Creek Johnny." Tapply's session was concerned with "Programming on Pennies."

BOARD/COMMISSION SEMINARS PLANNED

Three one-day seminars for Recreation Board/Commission members have been planned for April 22, 23, 24 at regional locations around the state. The seminars are being developed by the Board/Commission Section of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society and the Department of Natural Resources.

The seminars, to be held at Douglas, Macon and Roswell, are being designed to acquaint local Recreation Board members with: (1) the purpose of a Commission or Board; (2) duties and responsibilites; (3) Board-Commission/staff relations; and (4) the Board meeting. Recreation Adminstrators are encouraged to bring their Board members.

Schedules for each of the seminars begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Recreation Planning Section.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING & SUMMER SCHEDULE

March 28-29	NCOA National Run for Special Olympics comes through Georgia, via Augusta, Macon, Columbus.
April 11-12	Southeast Regional Basketball Tournament and Run, Dribble, and Shoot Competition at Georgia Tech Coliseum. Includes thirteen states and is cosponsored by the Atlanta Hawks.
April 23	1st Annual Invitational Meet For Wheelchair Sports – Doraville Recreation Center
May 23-24	Georgia Special Olympics, State Meet, DeKalb Community College Memorial Stadium. Includes 1000 participants.
August 7-11	International Games, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Central Michigan University Campus. 75 participants from Georgia.
August 10	CBS Live Coverage of International Games

HANDICAPPED DAY AT SIX FLAGS

Saturday, April 12, has been designated as a special day at Six Flags Over Georgia for all handicapped citizens in the state. Coupons will be issued to organizations and individuals and will allow not only the handicapped but also members of their families, friends, and agency staff to benefit from a special discount price. The coupons may be obtained from the Governor's Committee on Employment of The Handicapped, 47 Trinity Avenue, S. W., Room 631-S, Atlanta 30334; Phone (404) 656-2639.

CLAYTON AND MACON RECEIVE GRANTS

During the month of February, 1975, two additional grants were awarded to local Park and Recreation Departments in the state. The Macon-Bibb County Department and the Clayton County Department received federal funds on a 70-30% matching basis from the Department of Human Resources, Developmental Services Section to initiate therapeutic recreation programs at the local level. The programs will be funded for one calendar year, after which they will continue utilizing local money if they have proven successful. The grants were prepared through the efforts of the State Therapeutic Recreation Consultant with the Technical Assistance Unit, Recreation Planning Section, Office of Planning and Research, DNR. There are eleven such therapeutic recreation programs in existence in the state at the community level at present, including the two just initiated.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . .

The Recreation Support Program has been funded for another year?

Over 750 agencies (schools, training centers, recreation department, etc.) are now participating in Georgia Special Olympics?

Lee Silver, Director, Smyrna Parks and Recreation, has been awarded the "Distinguished Service Award – Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Smyrna Jaycees?

The Moultrie Recreation Department is expecting 30-45,000 people to attend the National Campers and Hikers Convention to be held in Moultrie in July?

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RECENT PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Promotions and New Assignments:
Cobb County Parks & Recreation Dept.:
Richard Clark—Promoted to Community Recreation Director
Jack Sanders—Promoted to Community Recreation Director
Mike Huff—Promoted to Recreation Leader
Robbie Calhoun—Promoted to Community Recreation Director
Roy Johnson—Promoted within Maintenance Division

Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission:
Joyce Buchanan—Promoted to Women's Activity Director

New Appointments:
Cobb County Parks & Recreation Dept.:
John Coleman—Community Recreation Director
Marty Friedman—Therapeutic Recreation Director
Tony Frassetto—Recreation Leader
Alicia Morris—Community Recreation Leader
David Bacon—Recreation Leader

Habersham County Parks & Recreation Dept.:
Sally Smalley—Assistant Director

Hall County Parks & Recreation Dept.:
Tom McLaughlin—Program Director

Lawrenceville Recreation Department:
Pres Judy—Director

Madison Recreation Department:
Dan Ragan—Director

Jesup-Wayne County Recreation Dept.:
Terry Thompson—Program Director

Rockmart Recreation Department:
Robert C. Long—Director

Rome—Floyd County recreation Authority:
Anne Sime—Ladies' Activities Coordinator

Savannah—Hunter Army Airfield—Ft. Stewart:
Harry Clarkson—Outdoor Recreation Specialist

Smyrna Parks & Recreation Dept.:
Sherry Reavis—Recreation Supervisor, Therapeutics

Sylvester—Worth County Recreation Dept.:
Gerald Melton—Director

Toccoa—Stephens County Parks & Recreation Dept.:
Hayden Drewry—Athletic Director

Valdosta Parks & Recreation Commission:
Barbara Wilhite—Therapeutic Specialist

Waynesboro—Burke County Recreation Dept.:
Rocky Thomas—Assistant Director
Mike Green—Athletic Supervisor
Danny Jones—Program Supervisor

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Midway—Tidelands Community School—Recreation Therapist

Savannah—Broad Oaks Hospital-Recreation Therapist

Athens—Athens General Hospital-Recreation Therapist

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

23-25 NRPA Southern District Recreation and Park Conference
Hotel Roanoke
Roanoke, Virginia

April

1-3 Staff Workshop Programs, sponsored by GRPS Sections: Outdoor Municipal/County-Therapeutic
1 South Georgia Junior College, Douglas
2 Macon Junior College, Macon
3 Gainesville Junior College, Gainesville

8-12 Association of Interpretive Naturalists 1975 Annual Workshop
Natural Bridge Hotel
Natural Bridge, Virginia

22-24 Area Workshops for Board/Commission Members, sponsored by GRPS & DNR
22 Douglas
23 Macon
24 Roswell

25-27 GAPHER State Convention
Atlantic Carriage Inn
Jekyll Island, Georgia

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